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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF GERMAN TOWNSHIP, MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of German Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

August 21, 2006

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, MARSHALL COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2004 And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 114,965	\$ 96,089	\$ 68,840	\$ 142,214
Dog	1,530	1,041	1,230	1,341
Township Assistance	74,537	31,195	3,987	101,745
Firefighting	128,250	19,192	46,413	101,029
Park and Recreation	69,207	17,858	16,000	71,065
Emergency Medical Services	112,240	115,613	115,000	112,853
Building or Remodeling	107,232	42,464	-	149,696
Totals	<u>\$ 607,961</u>	<u>\$ 323,452</u>	<u>\$ 251,470</u>	<u>\$ 679,943</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 142,214	\$ 117,361	\$ 94,078	\$ 165,497
Dog	1,341	1,218	1,041	1,518
Township Assistance	101,745	18,290	5,223	114,812
Firefighting	101,029	22,869	44,839	79,059
Park and Recreation	71,065	12,725	13,438	70,352
Levy Excess	-	7,464	-	7,464
Emergency Medical Services	112,853	135,858	122,096	126,615
Building or Remodeling	149,696	50,029	1,460	198,265
Totals	<u>\$ 679,943</u>	<u>\$ 365,814</u>	<u>\$ 282,175</u>	<u>\$ 763,582</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, MARSHALL COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. Final settlement of taxes paid in 2003 and 2004 did not occur until February 2004 and February 2005, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution during 2005 were distributed to the Township prior to December 31, 2005.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, MARSHALL COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 21, 2006, with Ben Baker, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.